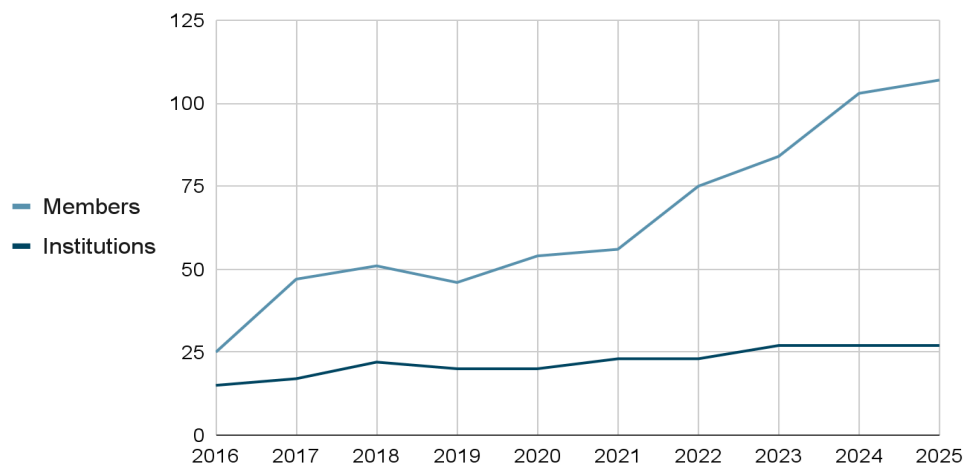


YEAR IN REVIEW

FALL 2024-2025



FL-RDA MEMBERSHIP GROWTH



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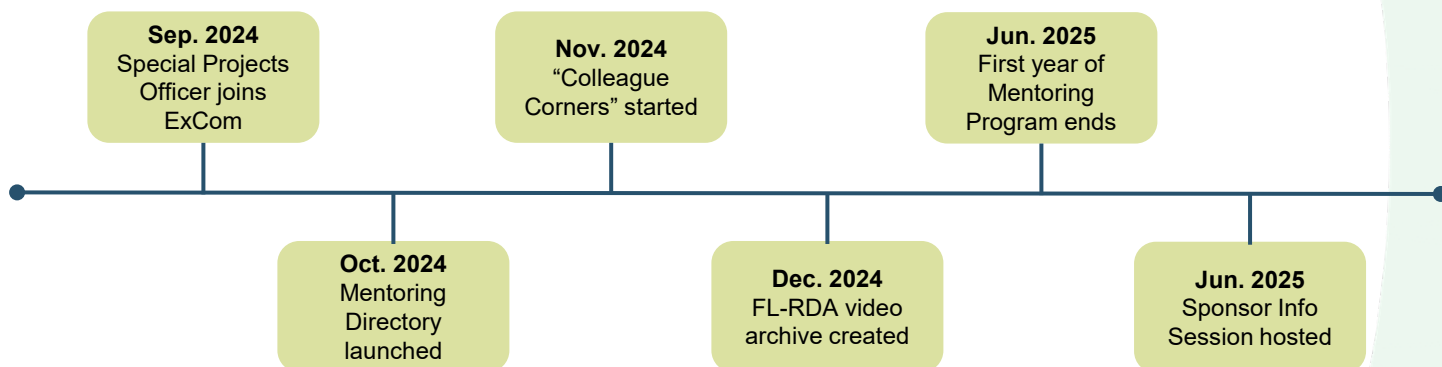
MONTHLY MEETINGS

Take a look back at all that was discussed across this past year's monthly video conference meetings of the Florida Alliance

- "Addressing NIH and NSF Requirements for Representation in Research" (Carolyn Bradley, FSU)
- "Embracing a Growth Mindset: Developing and Refining RD Programming in a Changing Research Environment" (Alice Miehl, FAU and Steve Gregg, FAU)
- "Artificial Intelligence (AI) Grab Bag" (Melanie Bauer, NSU)
- "Establishing a University Center" (David Hopfe, ERAU)
- "Developing PI Profiles and Plans" (Victoria Colina-Brunne, MPFI)
- "Pivoting/Reframing to Adapt to Federal Changes in the Funding Landscape" (David Hopfe, ERAU)
- "Using External Grant Writers/Consultants" (Roxana Ross, NSU)
- "ERAU Regional Convening Share-out" (David Hopfe, ERAU)

TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

Notable happenings over the past year



ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECAP

October 7, 2024 at Florida State University
(abbreviated due to weather)

The 2024 FL-RDA annual conference featured sessions on team science strategies, grantsmanship workshops, hiring/onboarding practices, and coaching. 30 members attended the conference from 9 Florida institutions. Due to Hurricane Milton, the conference ended early and four scheduled sessions were presented during monthly meetings later in the year.



FL-RDA SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Many new initiatives across the Florida Alliance organization!

Interdisciplinary Collaboration Committee (ICC) Module Sprint *ICC relaunched in Dec. 2024 and built on past NSF GERMINATION team science project outcomes*

Following an enthusiastic response to the Team Science session at the 2024 FL-RDA conference, the ICC relaunched to build on past team science initiatives in the organization. Through monthly meetings and breakout teams, ICC members identified challenges experienced by interdisciplinary teams and developed an initial set of team coach training modules for RD/RA staff to support faculty teams.

ICC members who participated:

- Tracy Ippolito (FSU)
- Joshua Roney (UCF)
- Melanie Bauer (NSU)
- Albina Mikhaylova (UNF)
- Kara Gajentan (UCF)
- Sandra Justice (USF)
- Victoria Colina-Brunne (MPFI)

Our First “Regional Convening” *Local networking opportunity for current and prospective FL-RDA members held at ERAU*

Brainchild of FL-RDA VP David Hopfe, the first Regional Convening was held on June 26 at ERAU in Daytona Beach, bringing together 12 RD/RA professionals from 8 institutions for a full day of collaboration and capacity building. Activities included networking, lab/center tours, and topic-driven discussions. *Want to host a convening? Reach out to the Executive Committee!*



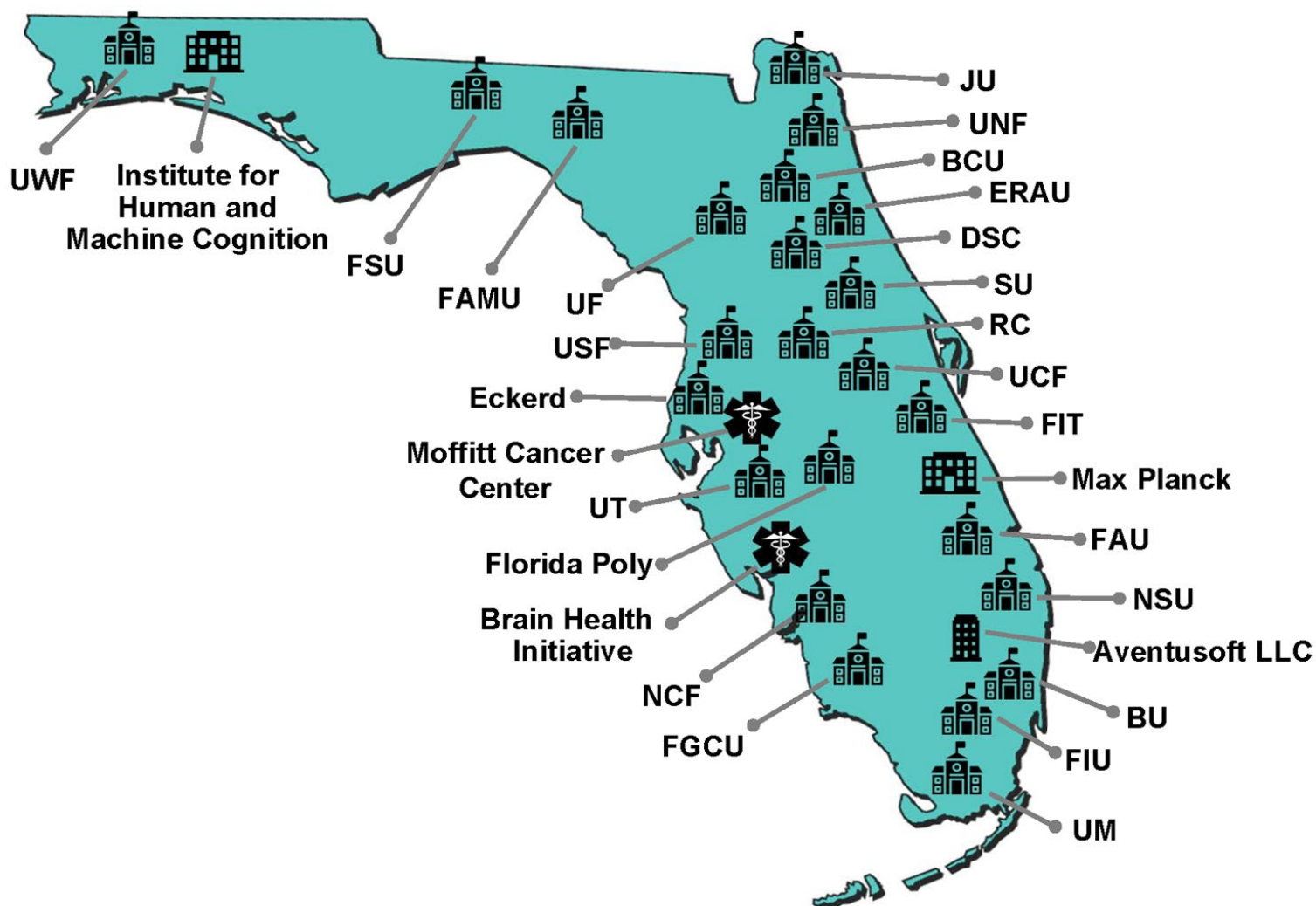
Mentoring Program Recap *FL-RDA’s first cohort of mentors and mentees, 2024-2025*

Launched in August 2024, the inaugural cohort paired 6 mentors (with 41 combined years of RD experience) and 8 mentees for a 10-month mentoring experience. The Mentoring Committee looks forward to launching the program application each July, with mentor-mentee matches in place by August, providing more value to members of the FL-RDA network.

Many thanks to the Mentoring Committee members who conceived of and facilitated this program:

- David Hopfe (ERAU)
- Rachel Goff-Albritton (FSU)
- Ursula Weiss (FSU)
- Sandra Justice (USF)
- Victoria Colina-Brunne (MPFI)
- Miranda Mattingly (USF)
- Abuzar Kabir (FIU)

CURRENT MEMBER INSTITUTIONS



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